

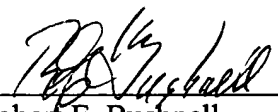
REMARKS

Claims 1 through 53 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 54 through 70 are newly presented by this Preliminary Amendment. Thus, claims 54 through 70 are pending in this application. Entry of the amendments to the claims prior to calculation of the filing fee is respectfully requested.

The specification is being amended to reflect cross-reference to the related patent application.

In view of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, this Application is believed to be in condition for examination. Should questions arise during the examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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